

went back to school to earn a degree in fire science and climbed the ranks to Captain. In 2016, after years of service, Eileen returned to school to earn an additional associates degree, maximizing her ability to serve the community.

I sincerely thank Bruce Township Firefighter/EMT, Eileen Rhodes, for outstanding service to her community. I am so inspired by the strong woman she is, and how she represents the very best of American values and community leadership. I want to congratulate Eileen for reaching this career milestone. Bruce Township is a stronger, safer place to call home because of her work. Her community thanks her for her dedicated service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COL.
DONALD "DON" P. MORSE, D.D.S.

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend, Col. Donald "Don" P. Morse, D.D.S. Don passed away on March 24, 2022, at the age of 87. I served under his command while stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base (AFB) in Germany many years ago. Don influenced my life, and the lives of every other officer entrusted under his command, with his unwavering patriotism and steadfast leadership.

He was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, on Christmas Day in 1934. Don graduated from Ray High School and went to Del Mar College before attending the University of Texas Dental School in Houston. After graduating from dental school in 1959, he commissioned into the Air Force as a dental officer. Don served for 26 years and had many different duty stations, both overseas and state-side. During his last 13 years, he was the Base Dental Commander at various military installations throughout the U.S. and overseas, including Ramstein AFB. Don received numerous decorations for his military service. Among them, were the Chief Dental Badge and Legion of Merit.

After retiring from the Air Force, Don was asked to serve as the Dental Health Coordinator for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. He later became the Public Health Administrator for the district, overseeing not only Dental Health services but also the Health Department Communicable Disease programs, Animal Care services, and Occupational Health and Wellness services. Don was instrumental in adding fluoride to the city of San Antonio's water, was the Medical Logistics Officer for Pope St. John Paul II's visit to San Antonio in 1987, and worked with various programs such as Head Start. Throughout both his military and public health careers, Don sat on countless committees, authored several published works, and received many honors.

He took great pride in his country and community, serving on the board of the Beethoven Mäennerchor, one of Texas's oldest German singing societies, for 13 years. Don enjoyed singing, volunteering, and supporting German culture, language, and Gemütlichkeit. He was also passionate about riding motorcycles, a pastime that allowed him to take in the beauty of our nation firsthand. However, time spent

with family and friends was Don's ultimate joy. He loved telling stories with poetic skill and humor, often times in German. Don never met a stranger, and his love for traveling and sense of adventure took him all over the world. He is survived by his wife, Iris Morse; son, Eric Morse; daughter, Lia Connors, and husband, Skip; granddaughters, Isabella Morse, Arianna Morse, Zoe Connors, and Quinn Connors; stepdaughters, Jill Rittmann, Julie Ellis and husband, Jeremy, and Karen Kricka and husband, Simon; step-grandchildren, Geoffrey Rittmann and wife, Katie, Aidan Ellis, Arianna Ellis, Jackson Kricka, Corbin Kricka, and Chloe Kricka. Don is preceded in death by the mother of his children, Suse Morse. He considered all of his family a precious blessing to him.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to celebrate the life of this remarkable American, an outstanding mentor who taught me what it means to be a patriot. Don was a fine military officer and served his country and community with distinction. May God continue to bless his family and loved ones, and my heartfelt prayers remain with them during this difficult time.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
RORY SMITH ON HIS OFFER OF
APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Rory Smith of Maumee, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Rory's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Rory brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Rory participated in student government, Waterville Historical Society, and was president of the National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Rory was involved with cross country, swimming, and baseball, earning varsity letters in all three. I am confident that Rory will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Rory Smith on his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Rory will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILLIAM G. MATHER SCHOOL

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the William G. Mather School for their 100th anniversary celebration on May 4, 2022. Through their longtime devotion to their students and community, William G. Mather School has inspired countless students and become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

Named after the industrialist and Upper Peninsula iron magnate, the William G. Mather School first opened in 1922. Originally a high school teaching grades 9 through 12, Mather was built as a state-of-the-art facility. Its gymnasium, known as The Pit, is famous throughout the Upper Peninsula for hosting many sporting and social events over the last century, and seats hundreds of local spectators and students. During this historic centennial celebration, we honor the generations of dedicated faculty of William G. Mather and their devotion to educating our local youth. Today, Mather Elementary School continues that legacy of excellence, giving students in the U.P. the best possible opportunity to learn and succeed.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the William G. Mather School for their tireless work educating our youth and their drive to bring positive change to their community. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK AND RECOGNIZING THE MILITARY FAMILY BUILDING COALITION

HON. DAN CRENSHAW

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, this week, we celebrate and bring recognition to National Infertility Awareness week. April is also the month of the military child.

Parenthood is one of the most rewarding chapters in life, and our armed service members experiencing the challenges of infertility should have access to quality care, treatment, and resources. One organization working to make that happen is the Military Family Building Coalition (MFBC), a non-profit military support organization started by two SEAL wives, Ellen Gustafson and Katy Bell Hendrickson. One of MFBC's initiatives, "The Tadpole Project", allows the NSW community to cryogenically freeze their sperm so conception can occur whenever the service member and spouse is ready to build their family, even if the service member is deployed.

For our military families, the time to have a child should not be dictated by the enemy or deployment cycle. I commend Ellen and Katy on their critical work. They show the grit and determination of SEAL spouses, who just like